

IN CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-implemented~~ method for uploading image data to a remote computer, comprising:
  - defining an area in a user interface adapted to receive an image;
  - generating a thumbnail associated with the image when the image is associated with the area;
  - partitioning the image into one or more fragments;
  - generating metadata including the total number of fragments to be uploaded;
  - sending the metadata to the remote computer; and;
  - uploading each fragment to the remote computer.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining whether a fragment upload was successful.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising generating a message if one or more fragment uploads had failed.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising retrying the uploading step if the fragment upload failed.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~, ~~4~~, wherein the message relates to one or more of the following: the name of the file, the number of fragments received, the number of outstanding fragments, the location of the file, and instructions on finishing the upload.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the thumbnail further comprises decompressing the image file.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the thumbnail further comprises loading the local thumbnail into a browser for viewing.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes one or more sizes of the fragments to be uploaded or raw image dimensions.

~~further comprising generating metadata associated with each fragment.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes location of the original image file or a preferred viewing orientation.

~~further comprising sending the metadata to the remote computer.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of uploading image files from a local computer to a remote computer, comprising:

receiving input from a user identifying an image file;

generating a thumbnail image from the image file;

partitioning an image file into a plurality of fragments;

generating metadata including the total number of fragments to be uploaded;

initiating an upload of the fragments to the remote computer;

sending the metadata to the remote computer; and;

and

displaying information about the status of the upload of the image file.

11. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 10, further comprising determining whether a fragment upload was successful.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the displayed information includes upload failure message if one or more fragment uploads had failed.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising retrying the uploading step if the fragment upload failed.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the metadata includes one or more sizes of the fragments to be uploaded or raw image dimensions.

~~further comprising generating metadata associated with each fragment.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the metadata includes location of the original image file or a preferred viewing orientation.

~~further comprising sending the metadata to the remote computer.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A system for uploading image data to a remote computer, comprising:

a display device configured to define ~~for defining~~ an area in a user interface adapted to receive an image;

a computer configured to generate ~~for generating~~ a thumbnail associated with the image when the image is associated with the area, to partition ~~and for partitioning~~ the image into one or more fragments and to generate metadata including the total number of fragments to be uploaded; and;

a communication device configured to upload ~~for uploading~~ each fragment and send the metadata to the remote computer.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer loads the local thumbnail into a browser for viewing.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer displays information about the status of the upload of the image file.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer determines whether a fragment upload was successful.

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20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the communication device retries the uploading if the computer determines that one or more fragment uploads had failed.